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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 115865 AND WARSAW 3430

1. LATEST ROUND OF PAN AM-LOT INTERCARRIER TALKS ENDED ON MAY 21 IN NEW YORK WITHOUT AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO PAN AM, LOT REPS WERE UNPREPARED TO MOVE BEYOND THEIR LAST PROPOSAL AT THE MARCH 10 WARSAW TALKS WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

A) PAN AM TO RECOMMEND TO USG APPROVAL FOR A ONE ADDITIONAL FREQUENCY FOR LOT DURING 1975 SUMMER AND 1975/76 WINTER TRAFFIC SEASONS;

B) PAN AM TO SUPPORT WITH USG A POLISH REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CHICAGO; AND

C) LOT TO SECURE FROM GOP AUTHORITY TO SELL TRANSPORTATION ON PAN AM FLIGHTS FOR ZLOTYS BETWEEN WARSAW AND CHICAGO ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A THROUGH FLIGHT, NO STOPOVER BASIS.

2. PAN AM REPS EXPLAINED THAT THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT LOT'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CHICAGO AT THIS TIME. THEY

EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SALES FOR ZLOTYS ON PAN AM SERVICES TO CHICAGO AS LOT PROPOSED WOULD BE ON SAME NARROW, RESTRICTED BASIS AS TO NEW YORK (NO STOPOVER AND NO CONNECTING TRAFFIC). WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NO AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE, LOT REPS INDICATED THAT GOP WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED PROMPTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

3. DURING MAY 30 TELCON WITH POLISH EMBOFF KRYSTOSIK, DEPTOFF SUGGESTED THAT GIVEN UNSATISFACTORY OUTCOME PAN AM-LOT TALKS, POLISH SIDE MIGHT NOW PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. DEPTOFF POINTED OUT THAT USG WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH RESULTS LATEST CARRIER TALKS AND IS CONCERNED WITH LOT'S CONTINUED INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO HONOR THE CLEAR OBLIGATIONS OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF JULY 19, 1972.

4. IN RESPONSE TO KRYSTOSIK'S QUERY AS TO STATUS POLISH REQUEST FOR A EXTRA-SECTION FLIGHTS THIS SUMMER (SEE PARA 3 STATE 109622), DEPTOFF OBSERVED THAT CAB WAS ALSO DISAPPOINTED WITH OUTCOME OF CARRIER TALKS, WAS ABOUT TO DISAPPROVE POLISH REQUEST FOR THE EXTRA-SECTIONS, BUT HAS AGREED TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO DEFER A DECISION UNTIL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. (AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, UNDER PROVISIONS EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF JULY 19, 1972, POLISH REQUESTS FOR EXTRA FREQUENCIES MUST BE MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AT LEAST 120 BUT NO MORE THAN 150 DAYS BEFORE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH FLIGHTS, AND US MUST INFORM POLISH AUTHORITIES OF ITS DECISION NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF REQUESTS. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO KRYSTOSIK IN PAST AND DEPTOFF REMINDED HIM ON THIS OCCASION THAT DELAY IN US RESPONSE TO POLISH REQUEST RESULTED FROM FAILURE OF POLISH EMBASSY TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ITS REQUESTS FOR EXTRA FLIGHTS DURING THE 150-120 DAY TIME PERIOD PRECED-

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ING THEIR PROPOSED OPERATION - A SITUATION WHICH, IN TURN, MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE CAB TO REACH A TIMELY DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THOSE FLIGHTS. THE POLISH REQUEST FOR THE 12 EXTRA SECTIONS TO BE OPERATED BETWEEN LATE MAY AND EARLY SEPTEMBER WAS MADE IN JANUARY, MAKING ALL BUT THREE OF THE 12 OUTSIDE THE AGREED REQUIRED TIME FRAME.)

5. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE IN RESPOND-

ING TO POSSIBLE POLISH INQUIRIES OR AT EMBASSY'S INITIA-
TIVE AS APPROPRIATE, IN REEMPHASIZING US CONCERN WITH
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